THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Housing being a State subject. the State Governments are free to formulate their own schemes and implement them with State funds and institutional finances. Govt. of India does not provide financial assistance directly to any State Government for urban housing problems. As such, no urban housing scheme has been received by the Govt. of India from the State of Tamil Nadu.

However, the Govt. of India have approved a package of financial assistance for the re-construction of fully damaged houses during the floods of October-November, 1992 at 30 per cent Central subsidey, 30 per cent State subsidy and 40 per cent HUDCO loan of the total project cost. The State Government have been advised to approach HUDCO in this connection.

Privatisation of Essential Services in Delhi

4591. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goernment have a proposal for privatisation of essential services under his Ministry in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the staff working in essential services is likely to be retrenched; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to protect their interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) With a view to improve efficiency of management of various civic essential services and optimise the resources available various measures have been under the consideration of the Government, including the involvement of the private sector, for the provision of civic essential services. However, no specific scheme to handover civic/essential services in Delhi to the private sector has been finalised by the Government.

Conversion of industrial plots

4592. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scheme of industrial plot conversion Sale or transfer—announced by the National Capital Territory of Delhi (N.C.T.) has not taken place as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated August 6, 1993 under the news-item entitled "Plot convertiin Scheme a non-stait"; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no scheme for conversion of Industrial Plots. Howeve. for sale of transfer of Industrial plots the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has fixed the amount of 50 per cent unearned increase in the value of plot consequent upon transfer/sale of industrial plots allotted